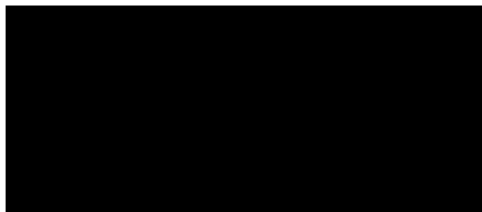


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Many thanks for the report on Chinese fertilizers, which we found very interesting. The information it contains is useful to us and some of the data on trade particularly so.

I note that the report did not make any reference to the highly publicized 'leap forward' goals for production of chemical fertilizers, the latest of which is 25 million tons by 1962. The report also does not mention Chinese plans for the construction of more than 2,000 small plants in the countryside, each designed to produce 8,000 tons of ammonium bicarbonate to be used as fertilizer. If the opportunity arises to question the authors of the report, any comments they might have on the feasibility of the Chinese attaining these 'leap forward' production and construction goals by 1962 would be helpful.

As you are well aware, the area concerned is of interest to us and your thoughtfulness in providing information on developments is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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